

Application Serial No.: 09/442,646
Reply to Office Action dated April 7, 2005

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application as presently amended and in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

Claims 6-9, 16-18, 23, and 25 are presently active in this case, Claims 9 and 25 having been amended and Claims 1-5, 10-15, 19-22, and 24 having been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer by way of the present Amendment.

Claims 6-8, 16-18, and 23 have been allowed.

Claim 25 was indicated as being allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claim 25 has been rewritten in this manner, and therefore is in condition for allowance.

Additionally, Claim 9 has been amended to multiply dependent upon allowed Claims 7 and 8. Accordingly, Claim 9 is believed to be in condition for allowance.

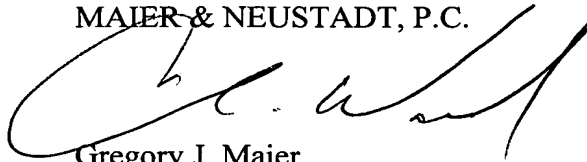
All of the outstanding rejections have been rendered moot by the amendments set forth herein.

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Consequently, in view of the above discussion, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for formal allowance and an early and favorable reconsideration of this application is therefore requested.

Respectfully Submitted,

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